GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:546
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2008
BULLET PROOF VEHICLES
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Yadav Shri Anirudh Prasad (Sadhu)

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bullet proof vehicles procured in 2005 by the Army for use in the anti-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir and in the North-Eastern States have been found to be having lower pulling power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any responsibilities in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.546 FOR ANSWER ON 05.05.2008.

The contract for procurement of 200 Light Bullet Proof Vehicles was signed on 29.7.2005 based on the qualitative parameters framed by the Indian Army in 2000. During exploitation of these vehicles in Northern and Eastern Commands, the problem of inadequate pulling power has been reported. The General Staff Qualitative Requirement(GSQR) have been upgraded for future procurement of Bullet Proof Vehicles.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India in Para 2.1 of their Report No.CA 4 of 2008 (Compliance Audit) in respect of Army and Ordnance Factories for the year ending in March 2007, as presented in the Parliament on 14.3.2008, have, inter-alia, pointed out the existence of this problem in the vehicles. While preparing Action Taken Note on this Para of the C&AG Report, which is at present under process, all relevant issues including the necessity for fixing of responsibility will be kept in view.